

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 21st April 2022

Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick

Time: 7.15 p.m.

Present: **Councillors:-** **N Peck (in the chair)**
S Glanville-Hughes
S Kitchener
G Konstantinidis
M Partrick
J Paterson
M Taylor
J Hodgson
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Clerk to the Council
Members of the Public

21.193 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All councillors were present.

21.194 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 17th March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21.195 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Taylor declared an interest in planning application NE/22/00441/TPO given the proximity to his dwelling.

21.196 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

None.

21.197 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NE/21/01352/FUL Single storey rear extension - Re-submission of Approved Scheme at 18 West Street

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not object to this proposal. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials will be sympathetic to the existing structure and that there have been no objections from adjacent homeowners

NE/22/00333/FUL Rear single storey extension adjoining to garage at 3 Courtman Road

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not object to this proposal. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials will be sympathetic to the existing structure and that there have been no objections from adjacent homeowners

NE/22/00316/FUL Full side single storey extension on the property to create a porch/downstairs wc/utility, this will flow into a rear single storey extension to create an open area lounge/kitchen diner. Location: 31 Mansfield Street

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not object to this proposal but is of the opinion that the extension is of disproportionate size to the footprint of the existing dwelling. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials will be sympathetic to the existing structure and that there have been no objections from adjacent homeowners.

NE/22/00109/FUL Garage conversion to residential annexe ancillary to existing dwelling at 62 High Street

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council objects to this application. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision. The Council is concerned about the impact on available parking as there is limited on street parking and to convert the garage would remove a parking space. In addition, the provision of annexe accommodation may mean additional occupants at the site with their own vehicles.

NE/22/00441/TPO TPO 110 1 holm oak - reduce the crown by approx 2-3 metres to strong growing points Location: The Old Rectory Raunds Road

Councillor Taylor took no part in consideration of this application. After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not have any comment to make and will rely on the opinion of North Northamptonshire Council tree officer.

21.198 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the schedule of payments that forms Appendix A to this Minute be approved for payment

21.199 PLAY AREA ACTION PLAN

It was noted that a site inspection had been undertaken by councillors on 2nd April and the action plan had been updated accordingly and circulated to all councillors. It was noted that certain items still required action.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quotation for new safer surfacing under the Nexus from Playground Facilities be accepted at a cost of £4517.50 net as was the lesser of the quotes and the work could be undertaken sooner.

That the Council is satisfied that the low risk items categorised as ‘no action to be taken’ or ‘monitor’ is the correct action at this time.

21.200 NORTH NORTHANTS STRATEGIC PLAN SCOPE & ISSUES CONSULTATION

There was a discussion on sections in the consultation where it would be appropriate for the Council to respond. It was agreed that councillors should email their comments to the clerk by 29th April so that a collated response could be made.

21.201 EARLY YEARS PLAY

Further to Minute 21.120f (November 2021) it was noted that the Awards for All grant application had been successful and the funding had been received by the Parish Council. Unfortunately the item had increased in price since the application was made. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would fund the difference of £200.00 and the order should be placed.

21.202 PLATINUM JUBILEE

- a. Village decoration – it was noted that plans were being made to decorate the centre of the village
- b. Printing of ‘Stanwick Celebrates’ – it was noted that a grant of £150.00 had been applied for from the NNC member Empowerment Fund. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a quote for £311.00 for printing the booklet be accepted together with a £40.00 cost for delivery.

- c. Commemorative brick/plaque – it was noted that the wording had been agreed outside of the meeting and the plaque had been donated to the Council
- d. Jubilee tree plaque – It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the clerk should source a plaque at a cost not exceeding £75.00

21.203 NNC TREE OFFICER REPORT RE WELLINGTONIA TREES

Further to Minute 21.184 b the NNC tree officer’s response was noted “I did visit and inspect both of the Wellingtonia trees, and I could find no evidence of them moving in recent times. Their growth habit is typical of the species and they have responded over time to the prevailing wind. Thickening their stems with a slight habit away from the prevailing westerly wind. Wellingtonia trees very rarely fail as they have evolved to grow to incredible heights, at least three times the size of these ones, in their north California native range. In the UK they rarely reach higher than 30 metres. I’d estimate yours are at 25-26 metres.

Both trees appeared to be in excellent structural and physiological condition, with no obvious defects or diseases, they are exhibiting good vitality for trees of their age and location, and in terms of potential risk or assessment of potential hazard, despite this being a public location any risk of tree or branch failure is low and any risk of harm to users of the churchyard is also very low and well within acceptable levels.”

21.204 PUBLIC RESPONSES TO THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

It was noted that three sets of comments had been received together with the content of those comments.

21.205 ALLOTMENT SITE & PARISH FIELDS

It was noted that there have been issues with unsolicited barking chippings being left on site by persons unknown. It was agreed that the padlock code should be changed and in the first instance, users of Parish Fields would be made aware. The Council was concerned that the padlock code was given out as a matter of course to community garden members and it was suggested that the number was only given out upon application by those who would actually require use of the car park.

It was noted that some of the stand pipe taps were not shutting off properly and as such the water supply was turned off at the mains. It was noted that a plumber would be instructed to service the taps and any faulty taps should be capped off until replacements could be sourced to allow the water supply to be turned on.

21.206 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 19th May 2022 (Annual Council Meeting)

Meeting closed 7.55pm

Chairman

Appendix A

Schedule of Payments presented for authorisation at the meeting.

Table 1: Schedule of payments made outside of the meeting (Financial Regulation 6.8)

| Cheque no | Payee and reason | Amount |
|-----------|--|--------|
| 1099 | A&R Print Solutions Ltd – printing annual newsletter | 141.00 |

Table 2: Schedule of cheques presented for authorisation at the meeting

| Cheque no | Payee and reason | Amount |
|-----------|--|---------|
| 1100 | Stanwick Village Hall Trust – Room/hall hire April 2022 | £116.00 |
| 1101 | A & R Print Solutions Ltd – 2 x A1 size maps for Annual PM | £10.80 |
| 1102 | Alchemy Tree Surgery – work on Irish Yew Trees | £850.00 |
| 1103 | J Hodgson - expenses | £104.09 |

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman
Date signed 21st April 2022

Table 3: For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6) automated payments

| Date | Method | Payee and reason | Amount |
|----------|--------|---|---------|
| 24.03.22 | DDM | 123 Reg – domain renewal | £43.16 |
| 23.03.22 | DDM | North Northamptonshire Council grounds maintenance Jan 2022 | £896.21 |
| 29.03.22 | DDM | BT Business | £35.12 |
| 03.04.22 | STD | Stanwick Village Hall Trust | £218.00 |
| 09.04.22 | STD | Northamptonshire Pension Fund | £587.71 |
| 12.04.22 | DDM | North Northamptonshire Council grounds maintenance Feb 2022 | £679.60 |
| 13.04.22 | DDM | North Northamptonshire Council Cleansing Feb 2022 | £13.99 |
| 15.04.22 | DDM | npower Business Solutions - electricity Jan 2022 | £31.09 |
| 15.04.22 | DDM | npower Business Solutions – electricity Feb 2022 | £26.86 |
| 19.04.22 | DDM | npower Business Solutions – electricity March 2022 | £28.04 |
| 19.04.22 | DDM | North Northamptonshire Council Cleansing March 22 | £13.99 |
| 20.04.22 | DDM | Wave- cemetery water supply | £5.00 |

Table 4: Money received since the last meeting:

| Date | Where the money was received from | Amount |
|-------------|---|----------|
| 31.03.22 | D Buffham Allotment rent | £35.00 |
| 01.04.22 | Awards for All – grant payment | £2700.00 |
| 12.04.22 | HMRC – VAT refund | £406.10 |
| 01-19.04.22 | Various allotment rents | £350.00 |
| 21.04.22 | Cooksley’s Independent Funeral Services | £1660.00 |

Note: *The General Power of Competence adopted 20th May 2021*